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Title: Need to declare the house of Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak at Ratnagiri as a national memorial .

*SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT (RATNAGIRI-SINDHUDURG) : Hon'ble Madam Speaker, Namaskar, Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, was a renowned freedom fighter. He was born in Ratnagiri, Maharshtra. His house is in Tilak Ali, Ratnagiri. He proved himself a great leader through his contribution and commitment. The British Rule was trying to crush the Indian Independence Movement when he emerged as an icon in the movement. He gave his world known slogan "Swarajya is my birth right and I shall have it". Although it was started by Mahatma Gandhi, but this slogan helped to instill the spirit of patriotism in the hearts of millions of Indians and especially among the youth who subsequently boosted the Indian Independence Movement. By getting inspired by him, they started agitations on the streets to strengthen the freedom movement. By identifying the need of the hour, he started a weekly called "Kesari' and an English daily called "Maratha' to spread the preachings and thoughts on independence. The editorials published in these newspapers were a nightmare for the British Rule and a stimulant for the freedom struggle.
Madam Speaker, you have also visited and saluted the residence of Lokmanya Tilak many times which is situated in Tilak Ali, Ratnagiri. Presently, this house is being looked after by Archeological Department. Hundreds of Indians visit this house every year but there is nothing which can display the contributions made by him. So, it is my request to you to declare this house as a National Memorial so that his history, his work, his contribution in freedom struggle and even in field of journalism, can be studied. These should be displayed through a museum or a documentary etc.. to the visitors who visit this place.
So, it is my humble request to you and through you to the Government to take initiative to develop this Lokmanya Tilak's residence as an International Memorial.
Thank you.

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श्री श्रीरंग आप्पा बारणे और

डॉ. मनोज राजोरिया को श्री विनायक भाऊराव राऊत द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।